

March 4, 1992

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Asbestos Waste in Maline Creek  
St. Louis, Missouri

FROM: Greg Reesor, WSTM/SPFD

TO: Addressees

You are invited to attend a meeting on Friday, March 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Waste Management Conference Room to discuss the subject problem. The area in question is along the banks of Maline Creek in St. Louis adjacent to the former location of facilities operated by GAF and Certain-Teed Products Corporation. The companies which manufactured asbestos-containing products shared a common disposal area for their asbestos wastes.

In 1979 under the terms of an Administrative Order issued under the Clean Water Act, GAF performed a cleanup consisting of landfilling the wastes on-site. Evidently, there was waste along the bank of Maline Creek which was allowed to remain undisturbed. During a creek rechannelization project in 1982, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District in the course of clearing brush and debris apparently disturbed the asbestos wastes along the creek bank. According to the file, MSD performed some type of cleanup under the direction of the MDNR.

In 1988 at the request of the Air and Toxics Division, the Air Monitoring Section of the Air Monitoring and Compliance Branch inspected the area in question. During the inspection, asbestos-containing wastes (transite pipe and siding) were observed in the creek. The inspector noted that while no visible emissions were observed, the potential for asbestos fiber release will increase as the transite deteriorates.

This area was the subject of a recent citizen complaint which was referred to EPA through an inquiry from U.S. Representative William Clay's office. Through a telephone conversation with Paul Doherty on February 28, I have requested WSTM/SPFD/SAFE/REESOR:MALCRK.MEM/3/4/92

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that EPA visit the site to assess the current site conditions and the potential for addressing the problem through the removal program. Paul has agreed to the meeting on Friday to discuss plans for the site visit. To ensure that all program goals are met, I am inviting you to the meeting. If you have any questions, please call me at X7695.

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